Mr. T. Kumara Pillai (*Kalkulam*), *Mr. K. Padmanabhan Tampi* (*Taluk Association, Kalkulam*) *and Mr. M. Bhuthalingam Pillai* (*Eraniel*) spoke on the undesirability of retaining executive and judicial officers in any station for more than three years.

Reply.—In the case of all public servants, it is desirable to leave them where they are, as long as they continue to do satisfactory work. This rule applies with special force to revenue officers. It is better that they know they will not be disturbed, provided they discharge their work efficiently and honestly. If they have to apprehend that they are liable to be transferred at any moment for no fault of theirs, they will take no interest in their work and public business will suffer in consequence. In the case of individual officers who harass the people or do not do their duties properly, their transfer will be made independently of the period of their stay at any station. This is what is now being done.

219. Raising of the age limit for admission to public service.

Mr. N. Kesavan Valiathan (*Kartigapalli*) represented that the present limit of 25 years pressed hard upon young men and that it would be desirable to raise it to 30, as was the rule before the passing of the Civil Service Regulations.

Reply.—This is not considered desirable. Exemption, however, is freely granted in deserving individual cases.

220. Reduction of the present number of officers and increase of pay to those who might be retained to give scope even for the most aspiring of officers.

Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai, B. A., B. L., (*Nayar Samajam, Quilon*) in whose name this subject stood was absent.

Reply.—This subject cannot be allowed.

221. Giving higher appointments to qualified natives.

Mr. C. Padmanabha Pillai (*Karunagapalli*) said that preference should be given to the natives of the country who might be sufficiently qualified for higher places in the official ladder.

Reply.—In appointments and promotions, the claims of natives are being and will be considered relatively with those of others.

222. Necessity of Government calling for returns regarding (1) acquisitions of public servants and (2) appointments made by them, with the names, qualifications, &c., of those appointed.

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Mr. M. K. Govinda Pillai, B. A., B. L., (Trivandrum) said that he withdrew this representation.

223. Adoption of stringent measures for the prevention of abuse of authority by public servants, and of bribery and corruption among them.

Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai B. A., B. L., (Nayar Samajam, Quilon) was absent and *Mr. C. Padmanabha Pillai (Karunagapalli)*, the other member in whose name the subject stood, withdrew the same.

224. Sale of printed copies of the Proceedings of the Popular Assembly.

Mr. Narayanan Madhavan Karthavu (Shertallay) suggested that printed copies of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly might be sold to the public at a moderate cost.

Reply.—This will be done.

225. Supply of the Malayalam translation of the Proceedings of the Assembly to the members.

Mr. Padmanabhan Parameswaran and Mr. Narayanan Velayudhan (Pathanapuram) requested that this might be done.

Reply.—The proceedings will be translated into Malayalam and made available to the public. In regard to the presentation of the same to the members, it will be considered if this could be done.

226. Making junior members of a Tarawad eligible for membership in the Popular Assembly.

This subject which stood in the names of *Mr. N. Madhavan Valiathan (Tiruvalla)* and *Mr. N. Kesavan Valiathan (Kartigapalli)* was withdrawn by them.

227. Deputation of representatives to the Popular Assembly from the Travancore and Cochin Roman Catholic Association.

Mr. Ousep Kuriya Aippu (Muvattupuzha) prayed that permission might be given for annually deputing a member from this Association to the Assembly.

Reply.—Permission is being granted from year to year and the concession will be continued so long as the present status and constitution of the Association are maintained. But no general promise can be given.

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